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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MUSEVENI URGES RPF TO ACCEPT
A CEASEFIRE

1. PRESIDENT YOWERI MUSEVENI ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS
JUNE 6 THAT HE HAS URGED THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT
(RPF) TO ACCEPT A CEASEFIRE AND WORK TOWARD POWER
SHARING. THE "NEW VISION" OF JUNE 7 QUOTED MUSEVENI
AS SAYING A QUICK VICTORY FOR THE RPF, WHICH LACKED
EQUIPMENT, WOULD BE LONG AND ELUSIVE: "EVEN IF YOU
WIN TOTALLY, YOU WOULD HAVE TO SHARE POWER." HE

SAID THAT IF THE RPF INSISTS ON FIGHTING, "I THINK THEY ARE MAKING A MISTAKE IN MY VIEW..FIGHTING HAS ITS PROBLEMS."

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2. PRESIDENT MUSEVENI SAID CONDEMNATION OF THE ON-GOING GENOCIDE BY THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC) AND THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (UNHRC) WAS A SOUND BASIS FOR THE RPF TO ACCEPT A CEASEFIRE, WHICH WOULD HELP IN HAVING THE PERPETRATORS OF GENOCIDE TRIED.

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"MY ADVICE WAS AND IS...YOU DON'T HAVE EQUIPMENT AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS WILLING TO INVESTIGATE AND TRY THE PERPETRATORS OF GENOCIDE...WHY DON'T YOU HAVE A CEASEFIRE INSTEAD OF WASTING OUR TIME."

3. REACTING TO SUSPICIONS THAT THE UGANDA GOVERNMENT WAS BACKING THE RPF, MUSEVENI SAID THAT THESE SUSPICIONS STEM FROM THE HISTORY OF THE
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RWANDESE DIASPORA, BECAUSE SOME OF THE RPF HAD BEEN IN UGANDA AND IN THE NATIONAL RESISTANCE ARMY (NRA). BUT THAT DID NOT MEAN THE NRA ARMED THE RPF.

4. PRESIDENT MUSEVENI CITED THE NRA AS AN EXAMPLE. "I SMUGGLED ARMS THROUGH RWANDA WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LATE GEN. HABYARIMANA'S GOVERNMENT." MUSEVENI SAID HE HAD WRITTEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL BOUTROS GHALI TO STOP INVOLVING UGANDA IN THE CRISIS.

5. COMENT: THIS IS THE STRONGEST PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT MUSEVENI HAS MADE TO DATE ON HIS EFFORTS TO URGE THE RPF TO NEGOTIATE A CEASEFIRE. END COMMENT

6. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. CARSON

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